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The attention of the Examiner and of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references cited in a parallel pending Japanese application no. 2006-544259. The references are listed on the attached form SB-08a. Copies of the Japanese office action and foreign references are enclosed.

Japanese reference JP5285504 corresponds to European reference EP0555882, which was previously cited in the application.

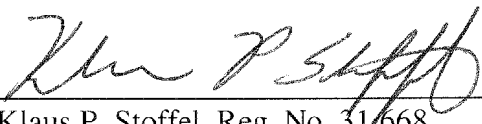
Japanese reference JP 8267114 relates to uniformizing a profile by taking tapered crown which is imparted to the end part of different one side of a pair of work rolls as a double taper in a 1st stand and as a single taper in the stands except the final stand and shifting in the axial direction of roll.

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With the submission of this admitted prior art, applicant thus complies with the duty of disclosure as set forth at 37 CFR 1.56.

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